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FOLLOWING STATEMENT MADE BY AMB WHITE IN TRUSTEESHIP
COUNCIL, MAY 29:

"I WAS SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR SENATOR
KENDALL'S CHARGE IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT OF BAD FAITH
BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS. THE
RECORD IS CLEAR THAT FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS THE MARIANAS
HAVE, THROUGH PETITIONS AND THROUGH THE WORDS OF THEIR
ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO BE A
PART OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS WAS A LONG PROCESS AND
THERE WERE NO SURPRISES.

"INDEED, IN 1969 THE REPORT OF THE CONGRESS OF
MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS NOTED THE
WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS AND INDICATED
THAT IT WOULD NOT OPPOSE A POLITICAL UNION WHICH
REFLECTED THE FREELY EXPRESSED DESIRE OF THE MAJORITY
OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

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"AS THE COUNCIL WILL RECALL, IT WAS IN 1971 --

WHEN THE NEGOTIATORS FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
DECIDED NO LONGER TO NEGOTIATE ON THE OPTION OF
COMMONWEALTH, WHICH HAD BEEN AGREEABLE TO THE PEOPLE
OF THE MARIANAS, BUT RATHER TO DISCARD COMMONWEALTH
AND MOVE TO NEGOTIATIONS ON FREE ASSOCIATION -- THAT
THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARIANAS ON THE JOINT
COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS REQUESTED SEPARATE TALKS
WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND SO INFORMED THE JOINT
UNITED STATES ACCEDED TO THAT REQUEST.

"I REITERATE THIS HISTORY ONLY TO MAKE CLEAR
THAT IT CAN IN NO SENSE BE SAID THAT THERE WAS BAD
FAITH ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES."
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